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## LAST DRILL HOLE OF OATMAN UNITED VEIN SHOWS 36 FT OF \$85 ORE

Drilling along the course of the big vein recently opened in the Oatman United is disclosing greater and greater ore bodies. The core from the easternmost drill hole, which was brought in last Saturday gave an average of \$85 across 36½ feet of vein. This part of the property is being systematically prospected with the diamond drill and it is probable that it will prove up a great territory. Not only is this work developing a great mine for the company, but it is also carrying the development campaign into other groups. One of the important matters that has been brought to light is the ore-bearing quality of the rhyolite dike that borders the vein on the north. This dike is highly silicified and may make ore at any point, especially where the material enters the vein and becomes a part of the filling. One of the drill holes penetrated about 70 feet of quartz and rhyolite material, the average of the whole vein being \$12, the quartz running to better than \$200 across the smaller vein. This mineralization may be intensive and when the great body is entered by a drift it is possible that every pound of the material between the walls will be found of mill value. The length of the shoot is another feature that is important, the length of ore in the great vein being in excess of 800 feet in length and probably reached the surface. The drills have also penetrated the vein at a depth of 1100 feet below the apex, giving an enormous back of ore. The ground is virgin territory and should be able to supply a large milling plant with high grade ore for years to come. The management of Supt. Hammond has been conservative, and that this development has been carried on so consistently for so many years is largely due to his perseverance.

### LOCAL BROKERS PREPARE FOR YEAR OF BIG ACTIVITY

The past week has proven the most active from the standpoint of dealing in Oatman stocks that has been seen in years. Monday there was 500,000 shares bought and sold on the Los Angeles Exchange, and other days have been nearly as good. Oatman United the leader in the recent excitement is holding its own after its sensational rise from 4 cents to over the dollar mark. With other properties in the district starting up interest in shares is growing.

E. A. Shaw has improved his office in the Beale Hotel lobby, having this week built in a private office and is negotiating with the Western Union for either a leased wire giving the sales as they occur or a fifteen minute service bunching the sales. Wm. C. Fastnow and Company have arranged for a fifteen minute service Monday. A. W. Coote and Shanks have both opened offices in Oatman with fast service from the Los Angeles stock exchange.

Interest in the stocks denotes activity because it means the starting of new properties and new properties starting will mean more mines. It looks like a big year.

I. R. Bartholomew, county recorder is seriously ill at his home. His condition was reported slightly better this morning and his recovery is hoped for.

### COMBINATION TO START DIAMOND DRILLS AT ONCE

Judge R. L. Johns, of Nevada, who entered the Oatman field during the boom days of 1915 and in conjunction with W. P. Mahoney and Senator James Curtin organized the Oatman Combination Mines Company, was a visitor in Kingman Thursday, on his way to Oatman. Judge Johns held a conference with his associates yesterday and in consequence a force of men are to be put to work on the property today to clear the shaft and drifts and arrange for the work of diamond drilling the property. This diamond drill work will be undertaken next week and will be pushed ahead as fast as possible.

The Combination property is well situated, abutting on the United American and Argo, as well as the Oatman Gold, and has large, well defined veins of mineralized material traversing the property. A shaft 500 feet in depth was sunk on the property several years ago, but active development was discontinued until more favorable opportunity presented itself. The company is now financed to carry on the new work and the probability is that important discoveries will be made in the ground under exploration. The fact that the United American has carried its discovery to a close proximity to the east end line of the Combination is evidence that there is a widely mineralized area in that part of the company's territory, and so it is with the westerly part of the holdings.

Judge Johns is one of the well known figures in the mining history of Nevada and it is to be hoped that his interests here will become so important that he will continue his residence in Mohave county.

### ORION M & M TO RESUME WORK

The Desert Power and Water company has just received an inquiry from W. H. Wise, secretary of the Gold Dust, or Orion Mining company, regarding power. This property was tied up with the power line several years ago and it will only be necessary to make a few repairs and turn on the juice.

It is understood that a deal for the financing of the treasury of the company has been successfully carried out and that operations on the mines will be resumed shortly. The company needs further sinking of the main shaft and the development of the vein system at about 800 feet. The shaft is now 500 feet deep, but the ore body, or at least the ore bearing vein has not been opened below the 300 level, where it has potential values. In fact this vein is one of the important fissuring of the district, all the ore above the 300 level having good mill values. We are of the opinion that the opening of the vein below the present level will disclose some wonderful ore and will do much to prove that there is a wider area of important mineralization in the district. The men at the head of this corporation have been active in development, using the treasury to good effect and it is to be hoped that they will again get into the game.

Del Sherer who returned this week from Illinois where he was called by the death of his father is ill with a bad cold which is bordering on pneumonia.

Brad St. Charles this week received a medal given by the Underwood Type writer Company in a speed contest. He wrote an average of 57 words a minute for 15 minutes.

### UNITED AMERICAN STRIKES RICH ORE ON THE 200

The first shots exploded in the stopes from the 700 level of the United American broke into great ore, last Tuesday night. A streak of ore in the big vein is said to be as rich as anything in the Oatman field, and the management is jubilant. The visitors from San Francisco viewed the new ore body with great interest, few of them having seen anything like it on the coast before. Many of the specimens were carried away from the mine during Wednesday to exhibit as souvenirs of the trip to the big gold camp by the brokers from the California Hub.

Ore is now going forward through the 700 drift from the American ground to the Aztec shaft, whence it is taken by aerial tram to the Tom Reed mill for treatment. The connecting up of the 700 level between the American and Tom Reed has given a better air circulation, as well as establishing a direct route over which to carry the ores. The ores sent to the mill carry high values, it is said and soon the mine may be able to carry on a big development campaign from its own treasury. The company has a big area of ground to explore and with the comforting assurance that it is in the pay all the time this work can be readily put over.

Samples taken from the ore that is going forward to the mill were assayed yesterday and gave the following results, these samples being averages of the ore lots: \$114, \$111, \$16, \$54, \$61. We understand that any ore in excess of \$40 is penalized at the mill where effort is being made to keep the grade somewhat below that average. Owing to the high grade that was broken into the entire width of 4½ feet of vein material carries values of above \$100 to the ton, and this will have to be mixed with the lower grade to bring it into the purview of the milling contract. While the high-grade needs a somewhat different treatment, it would look to the fellow who knows not, that this condition is on a par with the placer miner who had to mix gravel with gold so that he could readily sluice it. But the management of the American is not worrying about the penalty as long as the rich mill stuff continues.

### OATMAN GOLD SHAFT GOES DOWN RAPIDLY

The work of sinking a three-compartment shaft on the Oatman Gold property is now under way, the work having been carried down 20 feet. A collar set has been installed and foundations for the big machinery is being cast. For a time the United Eastern is furnishing air for the drilling operations from its Big Jim plant. The plan, we believe, is to carry the big shaft to a depth of 500 feet and crosscut the country toward the east end line of the Oatman United. Near this point the mine shows ore that will run about \$60 per ton, but how potential this showing is has never been ascertained, although it is probable the work now mapped out may bring the required information. The property is ideally situated and with proper management should soon be in position to produce.

### TO START OPERATION ON SABBATH BELL

It is rumored that E. J. Hoover has made arrangements to start further development of the Sabbath Bell mines, at Mineral Park, the work to be carried to considerable depth on the property. Mr. Hoover operated the Home Pastime mine several years ago and was heavily interested in that and other properties in the county. He is a firm believer in the potency of these mines and feels sure that he will bring in a winner. The Sabbath Bell is one of the important veins of the Mineral Park section and should be in the producing class.

### SANTA FE TO SPEND \$8,000,000 ON DOUBLE TRACKS THROUGH KINGMAN

#### MOHAVE HIGH TO PLAY BOYS FROM WINSLOW SAT.

Saturday night Mohave County's star basketball team will meet the Winslow team in the high school gymnasium to fight for the Northern Arizona honors. The local boys, upholding Kingman's reputation in athletics have so far been undefeated. Four games have been played so far this season.

The record of the Winslow team for this year is not available but last year this team beat the local boys in both games they played with them. At Winslow they beat them badly but in Kingman the local boys were topped by only three points. It is needless to say the game Saturday night will be a hard fought battle.

The following boys will be in uniform Saturday night: White (captain) Hoffman, Hilty, Harris, Minear, Johnson, St. Charles, Greer and Schneider. If you want to see real basketball contest come out Saturday night. The boys are playing basketball that deserves your support.

Wednesday the team will leave for a trip covering other Northern Arizona towns. Wednesday they will play at Williams, Thursday night they will meet Flagstaff, Friday, Hoolbrook and Saturday night they will play Winslow a return game.

The locals have already played Williams and Hoolbrook defeating the former by a score of 41-30 and the latter 59 to 33.

### HIGHGRADE FROM STONE-FERRA LEASE CONTINUES TO BE SENSATION

The one big attraction at Oatman is the Stoney-Ferra lease on the Tom Reed, where ore running an average of \$20 per pound is being taken out. So far the boys have stored in the big bullion vault of the Tom Reed 1500 pounds of the high grade and are taking several hundred pounds of the stuff from the vein every day. They have stripped 25 feet in length of the vein, and the showing of the rich dirt is continuous. The richest part of the vein is approximately four inches wide, although a width of 18 inches gives extremely high returns, after excluding the rich rock.

A station is being cut in the Olla Oatman shaft, and a drift will be carried into the ore body from that point, this shaft being only a few feet away from the outcrop of rich material. As soon as this opening is made the leasers will get busy in raising through the ore, and if it is found going down they may eventually open it at 200 level. The fact that a shaft is already to hand makes the development of the new ore body an easy proposition, and the leasers are ready to take advantage of the situation.

Many visitors have gone to Oatman to take a look at the stuff that has made men and broke nations, and they have come away satisfied that the showing is greater than reported. Guards are kept over the ore body and the boys are saving all the material that contains pay values, especial care is being taken to assort the \$40,000 stuff from the less fortunate material. Nothing like it has ever been found in the Oatman field, although the Tom Reed and United Eastern often encountered some of this great ore in their workings. Even the wonderful ore found in the old Ben Doran and Vivian claims pales in comparison with the golden output of the Tom Reed. It is reported that the leasers have a fortune in sight, even if further exploration discloses no more ore, and the lucky fellows who stumbled onto this golden nest are to be congratulated on their good fortune. Within the next ten days entry will be made of the vein at a lower level from the shaft and the boys will be enabled to count their cash. It is strikes of the magnitude of this

Assistant Chief Engineer Harris, of the Santa Fe railroad, passed through Kingman a few days ago on his way from Chicago to Los Angeles, where bids for the construction of the double track from Yampai to Griffith will be opened. This work, it is said, will entail an expenditure of \$8,000,000 and is the most important work of double-tracking that the Santa Fe has had for years, as it demands a large amount of rock work and the swinging of the roadbed to gain grades. We understand that the line of the double track will follow as closely as possible the old roadbed, but through Kingman canyon the new road will cross the present road about one mile below town at an elevation of 18 feet.

The importance of this new work may be gained when it is understood that fully 1,000 men will be used on construction. Kingman will probably be the center of distribution, which will make this town quite a lively place during the period of construction. With the big gold boom on and the railroad construction in full blast it will tax the town to the limits to house the incoming tourists and workmen.

While double track operations do not mean that the shops will be removed to Kingman, it later predeceates the establishment of a division point at this place when the road has been electrified, it being the policy of electrically operated railroads to shorten up their divisions. This town is well situated as a division point, Needles being the first division west and Seligman possibly remaining the first terminal east. The influx that the railroad will bring to the town, together with other important developments will make Kingman the most important town between Albuquerque and San Bernardino. Our people must recognize this condition and take time by the forelock and prepare for the rush.

### OATMAN FAST TAKING ON THE APPEARANCE OF OLD BOOM DAYS

(By William P. De Wolf)

Old scenes are being repeated, and old faces are reappearing at Oatman that recall to mind the stirring days of 1915, when the camp was the Mecca of gold seekers from the four corners of the world, and the main street was animated with a milling throng from daylight until long after dark.

Mining history is about to repeat itself at Oatman—not only to repeat itself, but to excel the record of the past, when the Tom Reed was the big mine of the district, and the now famous United Eastern mine was but entering upon its career as a producer of gold.

The peculiar intuition, hunch,—call it what you will,—characteristic of the miner, which leads him to sense an approaching mining sensation in advance of the general run of mankind, is causing him to back-trail to Oatman. The forerunners of the movement are arriving daily, and gather in little groups along the street to talk over old times and to recall old scenes.

Notable among the old timers who have returned of late is Megaphone Lou. He arrived in the camp last Thursday and his appearance there is viewed as a harbinger that a mining boom for Oatman is in the offing. Immediately he appeared upon the street with his megaphone to announce the arrival of the president and other members of the San Francisco Stock Exchange, who are this week inspecting the mines of the Oatman and Katherine districts.

In the strenuous days of 1915, when the demand for gold properties at Oatman was far in excess of the supply, and the stages from Kingman and Needles were bearing hundreds of people daily to the camp. Lou and his megaphone were an institution. In those days he was the camp's self-appointed announcer and he made it a most lucrative job.

The streets of Oatman again present the animated scenes of the early boom period of 1915. Each new comer, and they are arriving in increasing numbers, makes reports of others who are on the way. These men

state that the district is growing in popular investment favor at outside points, due to the high grade strikes made on the Tom Reed, the Oatman United and the United American properties, and predict that within the next sixty days the camp of Oatman will be more densely populated than it was in 1915, when beds were at a premium, and the stranger at night was forced to pay four-bits for a time's "flop" in a chair.

In anticipation of what appears to be a very broad and lucrative movement in mining affairs there, the prospectors are locating claims throughout the entire fifteen miles of mineral bearing ground intervening between the camp of Oatman and the camp of Katherine. Parties are outfitting almost daily for that section, and the growing number of their claim monuments speaks eloquently for their activities. Most of the prospectors are utilizing "Lizzy" as a pack animal, utilizing "Lizzy" as a pack animal, although now and then an outfit of burros is seen.

The owners of mining properties at Oatman, which have been inactive for a number of years, are preparing to resume operations, and of late find little difficulty in financing them. A striking incidence in point was the sale of one hundred thousand shares of Merry Widow stock to the people of Kingman and Oatman the current week at ten cents a share. Diamond drilling operations will start at the property next week.

Other properties at which mining operations are scheduled to start in the immediate future, include the Oatman Combination, the Fessenden, the United Western, the Lazy Boy, the Carter, the Gold Dust, the Esperanza, the Nellie, the Sunnyside and the Lexington.

Robert Grey, accompanied by his wife, arrived here last night from Los Angeles to oversee the installation of the additional mill equipment at the Dean. Mr. Grey is a mill expert with a great number of successes to his credit. Mr. and Mrs. Grey both have personalities that make friends readily.

### MERRY WIDOW TO DIAMOND DRILL

The Merry Widow, lying to the south and west of the United Western, is about to start diamond drill-operations, the work to be undertaken next week. A block of 100,000 shares that were offered in Oatman and Kingman this week, at ten cents per share, to finance the treasury for the work, was gobbled up in two days and more was clamored for.

The Merry Widow was incorporated during the latter days of the big boom in Oatman several years ago, but it was thought best not to put the shares on the market, preferring to await a more propitious time. Surface indications on this property are good, there being an important vein outcrop. Diamond drilling could be carried on to advantage from the deep shaft of the United Western, from a point in the drift that was carried off toward Merry Widow ground several years ago, but we understand that this operation is to be driven from the 250 foot shaft on the property. This drilling will be watched with much interest and the shares of the company are sure to be widely dealt in.

### BABY DIES FOLLOWING ATTACK OF CONVULSIONS

Robert Edward Neal, the 9 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neal, died Sunday at 6 o'clock. The little fellow had 28 convulsions before his death.

The funeral services were held Wednesday from the St. John's Methodist Episcopal church.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the parents.